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## Huron Seniors join forces, will open new center May 2

On Wednesday April 4, 2001, 48 senior citizens met together to combine their organizations, make new rules, discuss the future and vote on a new board. What used to be the Huron Township Seniors and the New Boston Seniors will now be one group called the HURON TOWNSHIP SENIORS. The process will be a struggle as the two groups work to combine facilities, calendars, bi-laws, dues, activities and services. However it should prove to offer our Seniors greater opportunities for these services, outings, clubs, classes and socialization.

At this meeting the members voted on meeting dates and new board members. Nominations were accepted and the outcome resulted in Helen Mate as the new president, Jean Langford as vice-president, Alice McGrew as secretary, Bobbie Alexander as treasurer and Frank Mate as Sergeant of Arms. Congratulations and Good Luck to this new board. Huron Township Seniors and other residents are looking forward to the professional and creative directions you will lead this new group.

Seniors will also be adapting to a new home base. The Waltz Community Center on Mineral Springs Rd. is now undergoing renovations to accommodate most of the needs of a Senior Citizens Center. The MEALS ON WHEELS program will also be housed in this new facility. The move will take place on May 1, 2001. This new center will be available to our Seniors 7 days a week, providing meals and lots of time slots for them to share skills, crafts and friendships. With the assistance of a new Senior Director, this facility will be able to offer all Seniors information, classes and opportunities for travel and entertainment.

Under the direction and leadership of Trustee Marlene Krause, Huron Township is in the process of hiring a new Senior Citizens Director. Ms. Krause said that there have been 9 applicants with a majority having good qualifications. The interview and selection committee along with board approval will make their decision in April. Our township will have a new Senior Director in place by the first of May. A fresh beginning for all.

All Senior are encouraged to come out and join in the KICK OFF CELEBRATION on Wednesday, MAY 2, 2001. Huron Township Firefighters will be hosting a FILE FOR LIFE PROGRAM, giving Seniors information and developing a FILE containing personal and emergency information. This FILE will be placed on their home refrigerators, allowing emergency personnel to quickly treat and assist a senior in need. Nursing Volunteers from Heritage Hospital will also be joining this celebration, giving blood pressure checks and answering questions.

Doors will open for coffee at 8:30a.m. followed by speakers at 9a.m. and a luncheon. Any Seniors that need a ride may call the township hall at 753-4466 and get a message to Marleen Krause. She will be happy to see that the Senior Van picks you up. What a great way to provide valuable information, keep Seniors safe and unite residents.

### *New Senior Leaders:*



(From Left): Helen Mate, president; Jean Langford, vice president; Alice McGrew, secretary; Bobbie Alexander, treasurer; Frank Mate, sgt. at arms.



## Huron Seniors vote for new leadership

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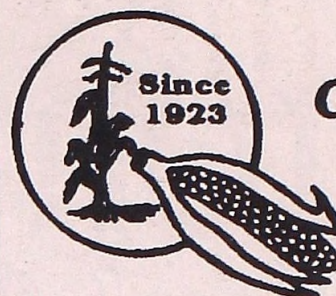
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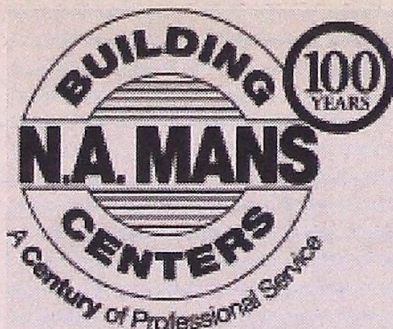


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Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of every month @ 7:30 p.m. at the Applefest Bldg. in New Boston.



## Library Service for Huron Township

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## Summer Recreation Program

Again this year, the Huron Township Recreation Commission will be sponsoring a two week summer recreation program for children ages 7 through 14. There will be a morning session and an afternoon session which you may choose from. Registration and information will be available after May 14, 2001. Call Terri at the Township office at 753-4466 ext.115.



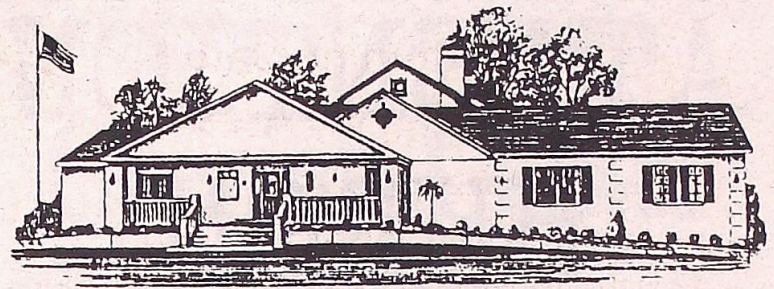
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The business and professional people in New Boston included Charles

Dennis, Lawyer; M.H. Ellis General merchandise, farmer, manufacturer of

lumber and charcoal; W.S. Hosmer, Justice of the Peace; Erastus Hale, meat market proprietor; Peter Lewis, farmer and collector; Amos Martin, manufacturer of lumber; H.R. Nowland, Deputy Sheriff; Robert Outwait, blacksmith; E.E. Ryan, saloon proprietor; James Stewart, proprietor of flour mill, and Justice of the Peace; Stephen Sims, Township Clerk and General Merchandise store; Andrew Scram, wagon maker; G.C. Schultz, copper shop and cider mill; N.P. Thayer proprietor of the Thayer House (Hotel).

In 1880 the village had a population of 284. The town board was authorized to bond the town for \$3,000.00 to build a bridge across the river in New Boston, the bridge to be a span of 100 feet, to be built of iron and concrete with a 16 foot roadway. The contract was awarded to Mt. Vernon Bridge Co. of Mt. Vernon, Ohio on July 25, 1888. The bridge was completed and accepted in December 12, 1888 at a cost of \$3450.00, seven years after the village was incorporated in 1881.

Willow, which was Belden back in the 1870's, was another busy village in Huron Township. The following merchants and businessmen were listed in a Historical Atlas. Thomas Parkers, dealer in general merchandise and notary public; Charles Ruggles, local blacksmith who came from Reading, PA. In 1875; D. Sulliville, wood contractor; W.J. Tripp, carpenter & joiner; Mathias Wisert, brick manufacturer; Stephen Winne, cooper; Lyman Ash, goldsmith and farmer; Isaac Biddlecombe, groceries, boots & shoes (who came from England in 1866). William Bonker was a Justice of the Peace and Attorney. Jacob Brinning was listed as a constable, carpenter and joiner; George A. Curtiss was a lumber dealer;

T.J. Dutches was a village blacksmith at Willow, and William Fuller and F.S. Felt were stave manufacturers; Harrison Gillett was a cooper; Charles Haight operated a sawmill and A.J. Norton was township treasure and farmer.

Can anyone out there trace their family back to any of these folks? If so, please let us know.

To be continued...

### Graduation Congratulations Julie Ann Swatek!

Huron High School's 1997 Valedictorian Julie Ann Swatek is graduating from The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan on Saturday, April 28, 2001, in a morning ceremony at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor. She not only will receive a degree in Psychology with a minor in Economics, but will also complete her four year commitment to the Michigan Marching Band. An excellent clarinetist beginning her musical career with the Renton and Huron High School Bands, she fulfilled her childhood dream to be a member of the



Michigan Marching Band. While carrying a full load of classes each semester, she diligently attended practice every day after school and also on weekends, memorizing a new halftime show for each home football game, while also participating in various trips with the band to out of state games, including the Citrus Bowl in Florida. During the winters she played with University of Michigan concert bands, performing in spring concerts at Hill Auditorium on the University of Michigan Campus. Julie was active in Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary

Marching Band Society, and also in Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology. In addition to being a lifelong member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in New Boston, Julie is also an active member and lector at St. Mary's Catholic Student Parish in Ann Arbor, and co-organizer of the parish's Alternative Spring Break Program, in which the church's students venture to southern locales to construct homes for needy residents. Julie is employed by the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research in Ann Arbor as a research assistant. Congratulations Julie on your tremendous accomplishment! May God ensure your continued success! Love, Mom





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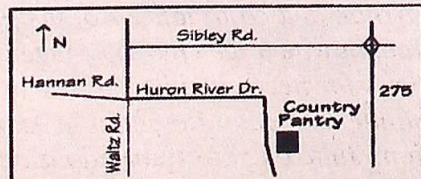
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H.A.A. times gone by

## Huron High Baseball wins Tournament Softball finishes second

The Huron High School Baseball and Softball teams recently competed in the Huron Spring Classic at the Huron High School diamonds. On a day when the weather was threatening so were the Huron High School baseball hitters pounding out over 30 hits on the day and scoring 32 runs.

Robbie Anderson who hit a Home run in the second game versus Whitmore Lake led the Chiefs. The Championship game came down to extra innings with Quincy the 8th ranked team in Class C. The Chiefs took a 6-5 lead in the top of the eighth on a sacrifice fly by Bryan Polce scoring Carl Novak. In the bottom half of the inning Quincy advanced the tying run to second with two outs when Carl Novak made a running catch to seal the victory. Jason Thornsberry got the win in relief as the Chiefs advanced to 7-1 on the year.

The Girls Softball also had a successful tournament finishing 2-1 on the day beating Ypsilanti and Lutheran West and losing in the championship game to Flat Rock 6-3. Pitchers Kelly Bertin, and Jenny Dluzniewski, who each won a game during the tournament, led the Chiefs. The Huron Chiefs improved their record to 4-3 on th year.



## Outdoor Challenge: Your Ticket to Adventure!!

From backpacking to repelling to caving to whitewater rafting, area teens are given the opportunity to explore an amazing world and challenging their own personal limits. Driving by the High School parking lot, you may occasionally see an excited group loading backpacks, food and maybe even a kayak or canoe. This is OUTDOOR CHALLENGE. Days later you may see them returning moving a little slower and unloading gear that is not so carefully packed. However their lives have been changed, their outlook healthier and their challenges met. Look for registration in the fall or call Huron High School for more information. This is another program that is made possible by volunteer Huron Residents.

## H.A.A. partners with Little League!

Huron Athletic Association made many changes throughout this past winter during their monthly meetings. One of the biggest changes was the decision to become associated and sanctioned with Little league.

The board voted in favor of this in order to provide more opportunities for both the house and travel divisions to advance to the state and national levels. They also felt this would assist them in defining and regulating rules and protocols, bringing consistency throughout the divisions. In the past teams have played in house divisions or traveled to play in leagues like Southern Wayne, DBA, Little Ceasers and WAABA. H.A.A. still supports teams playing in these leagues, however will find that in the future youth growing up playing Little League will grow with this organization.



H.A.A. learning  
to swing a bat.

How many changes have *you* seen this successful organization go through? Many area residents can tell you stories going back to the 60's about their ball playing days. From Willow playing Waltz to games on a field in a backyard or at the Old Hand School on Inkster Road. Swinging a bat and throwing a runner out was THE summer activity for both girls and boys.

Even if you didn't play school ball you were sure to get involved in the summer. Now we are coaching our own kids, serving drinks and hot dogs, sponsoring teams and maybe being pulled behind the plate to umpire. Everything has grown.

H.A.A. works year around to provide baseball and softball activities to over 600 area youth. Seasons begin in May and end in August. Teams play on 9 different area diamonds along with traveling to local and state areas to compete. Many teams throughout the year have played in tournaments and playoffs nationwide. All this because Huron residents volunteer time, energy talents and funding to see that Huron Township has healthy activities for its youth. Kudos to all organizations that provide activities for our children in Huron Township!!





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It will be an event to enjoy at any age! You're sure to see some of your favorite teachers from the district, as well as township officials, local athletes, and local business owners as they show off their efforts of persuasion in trying to motivate their mules! The question remains as to who will win. Or how do we even determine that?

Make plans now and mark your calendar for a family night of fun. Tickets will be available throughout the township and at each district school. Prices will be \$5 for advance purchase and \$7 for tickets purchased at the door. Concessions will be sponsored by Huron Booster Club and ticket sales are sponsored by St. Stephen's CYO. It's a win/win night for sure if you're there! Don't miss it! Come share some time with your neighbor!! It just might surprise you who can influence a donkey!

## Soccer Comes to Huron

Township youth now have the opportunity to play soccer. Through the efforts of resident volunteers this recreation program has grown to approximately 175 children. The Huron Soccer Association was established in the fall of 2000 and has recently registered with the Great Lakes Soccer League which will provide more opportunities for travel teams to compete with other areas.

As its usual style, the Huron School District has been terrific in supporting this program by providing space for fields at Miller School and also allowing the use of their new High School Field on Huron River Dr..

Soccer is offered to township youth in the fall and spring seasons. Parents may register their child at the end of August for the fall season. Registration times and dates will be announced. The in-house league has a 10 & under, 8 & under and a 6 & under division. Currently the Huron Soccer Association has two Travel teams in the 10 & under and 12 & under divisions. The spring season has kicked off and will end in mid June, leaving lots of games for area residents to come out and support!!

Through Chris Fultons initiation and Joe Pavilaniss direction the program is prepared for continuous growth and encourages residents to get involved! It is a fun, growing sport that acts as a good "feeder" program to the High School's newly funded teams. Everybody plays, learns and has a fun time!...Another good thing for Huron Township. Inquiries may be made to Shelly Bergmooser at 753-3356



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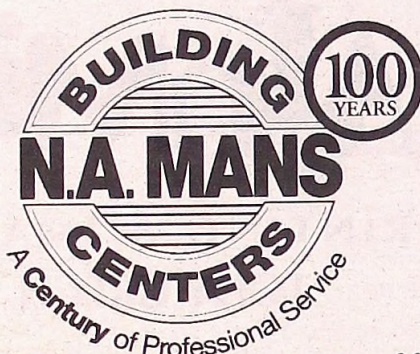
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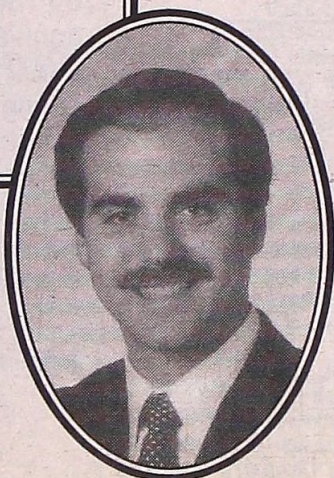
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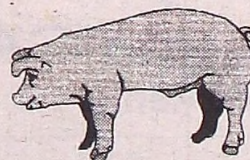
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## Spring is welcome in Huron

### Spring

Every child should have  
mudpies, grasshoppers,  
water bugs,  
tadpoles,  
frogs, mudpuddles,  
wild strawberries,  
acorns, chestnuts,  
trees to climb,  
brooks to wade,  
bats, bees,  
butterflies,  
various animals to pet,  
hayfields,  
pinecones,  
rocks to roll,  
sand, snakes,  
huckleberries, and  
hornets.

Any child who has been  
deprived of these has  
been deprived of the best  
part of his education.

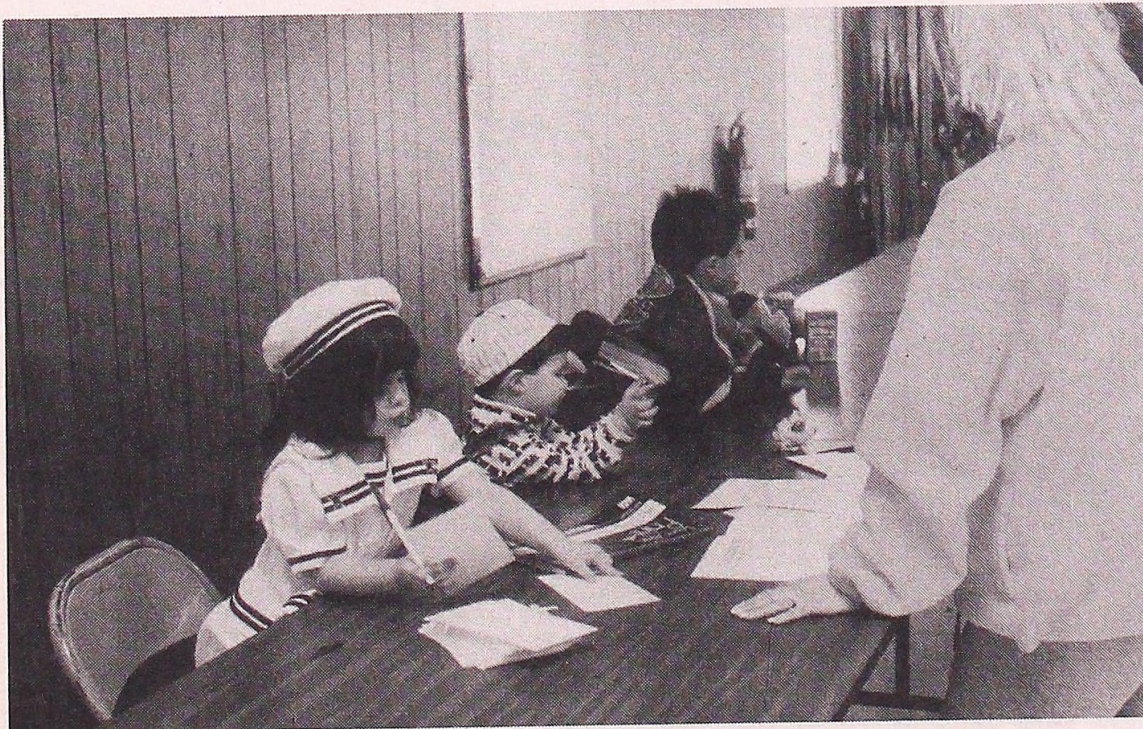
Luther Burbank

Upon reflecting on the poem by Luther Burbank, I thank God that we live in a township rich in boundless resources. Daily opportunities arise to catch glimpses of deer through our kitchen windows, rabbits nibbling the first blades of spring grass, and robins building nests in our panorama of stately trees. Nowhere else on earth does nature beckon us more to explore than in our beautiful township of Huron. Spring is not only the time of year to clean up the yard, purchase the dog's license, and do the spring house cleaning, but once again it's time to plant seeds, bushes, an array of spindly trees, and maybe even seek out some new lawn furniture or a barbecue grill. Swimming pools once again come alive with activities and shock-it treatments, and we wonder how on earth our tasks will ever be completed. It's also time to reacquaint ourselves with those hibernating neighbors whom we only see when the temperature rises above sixty degrees. Our exuberant community spirit becomes evident when we share our collection of winter stories of adventures to far away warm climates, and of nights at home without heat from our disabled furnaces awaiting repair around Christmas time. So as we pack away our shiny, brand new, expensive space heaters, let us give thanks that spring is finally here, and we can once again open our hearts and windows to our magnificent community. Have a wonderful spring!

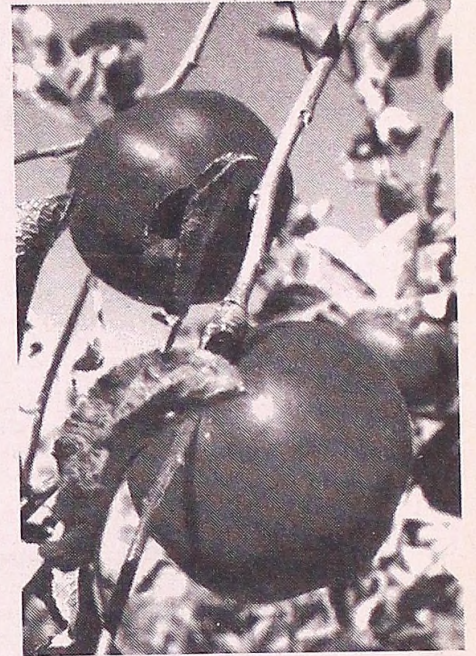
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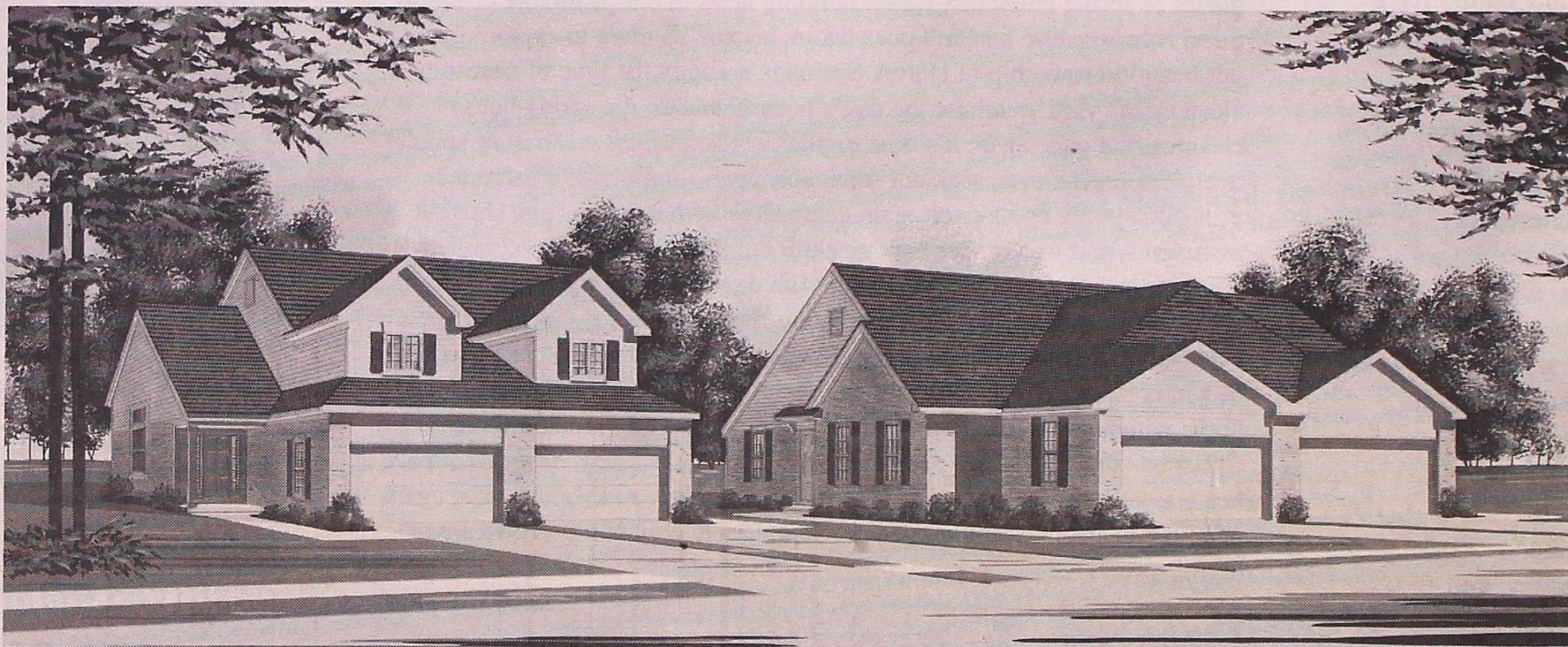
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